



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner:

K.T. Venkateswara Rao

Bruce Edward Snow

Serial No.: 10/668,077

Art Unit: 3738

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Title: Drug-Eluting Stent And Methods of Making Same

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.